



COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SCIENCES

## International Affairs Program

### WHY STUDY INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF MAINE?

A degree in international affairs benefits students as they prepare for their roles as national and global citizens. It prepares them for the dynamics behind a changing global society and helps them understand how to enhance international community. The International Affairs Program offers a strong, interdisciplinary curriculum that includes courses from departments across the campus and enables students from diverse disciplines to integrate an international perspective into their studies and future careers.

The Bachelor of Arts degree in international affairs allows students to choose among several interdisciplinary thematic concentrations: international security; history and development of the global system; comparative politics and area studies; culture, conflict, and globalization; economics; language, culture, and the humanities; global women's, gender, and sexuality issues; and Canadian studies. Our status as a Title VI National Resource Center on Canada offers our majors the best opportunities to study Canada in the Northeast.

### WHAT CAN I DO WITH A DEGREE IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS?

Exposure to multiple academic disciplines, combined with language skills, permits our graduates to pursue diverse interests and career paths that tap the employment opportunities that globalization offers: law and graduate school, including the University of Maine's School of Policy and International Affairs and the Maine Business School; public service; the diplomatic service; journalism and electronic media; environmental organizations; international organizations and development agencies;

think tanks; international foundations; global businesses; the travel and hospitality industries; and education.

### OUR UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM

During the first two years, international affairs majors are encouraged to complete course work to fulfill the general education requirements of the Bachelor of Arts degree and the 15-credit international affairs core curriculum. The final two years should focus on concentration requirements (each interdisciplinary concentration consists of between 21 and 27 credits) and meeting the international affairs language requirement. Students must demonstrate their linguistic skills by having their language proficiency rated at the intermediate level by taking the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI). Development of language skills can occur in many ways, including learning abroad experiences, immersion programs, internships, and classroom instruction. Students will achieve a higher level of appreciation and awareness of cultures beyond their everyday experience and acquire a vital tool to enhance their future careers.

All international affairs students are strongly encouraged to participate in the Study Abroad Program and Canada Year. The university's Study Abroad Office operates direct exchange programs with institutions worldwide that permit our students to spend a semester or year abroad at the same tuition they spend to attend the University of Maine. We also offer a French-language May term at Laval University in Quebec. The student-run International Affairs Association organizes an annual trip to Montreal to take part in the McGill Model United Nations. Our participants interact with their peers from universities across North America while they represent various countries and nongovernmental organizations.

### UMaine's ADVANTAGE

- International affairs majors can participate in the McGill Model United Nations each year
- UMaine's Study Abroad Office operates direct exchange programs with institutions worldwide that permit our students to spend a semester or year abroad at the same tuition they spend to attend the University of Maine
- UMaine status as a Title VI National Resource Center on Canada offers our majors the best opportunities to study Canada in the Northeast
- The 4+1 program allows international affairs majors to complete their graduate and undergraduate degrees in five years

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## ABOUT UMAINE

The University of Maine, founded in Orono in 1865, is the state's premier public university. It is among the most comprehensive higher education institutions in the Northeast and attracts students from across the U.S. and more than 60 countries. It currently enrolls more than 11,000 total undergraduate and graduate students. UMaine students directly participate in groundbreaking research working with world-class scholars. The University of Maine offers doctoral degrees in 30 fields, representing the humanities, sciences, engineering and education; master's degrees in 85 disciplines; 90 undergraduate majors and academic programs; and one of the oldest and most prestigious honors programs in the U.S. The university promotes environmental stewardship on its campus, with substantial efforts aimed at conserving energy, recycling and adhering to green building standards in new construction. For more information about UMaine, visit [umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu).

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*Bachelor of Arts in  
International Affairs*

*Concentrations in  
Canadian Studies*

*Comparative Politics and Area Studies  
Culture, Conflict, and Globalization*

*Economics*

*Global Women's, Gender,  
and Sexuality Issues*

*History and Development  
of the Global System*

*International Security*

*Language, Culture, and  
the Humanities*

*Minor in  
International Affairs*

*Five-Year Master in  
Business Administration*



## OUR FACULTY

The international affairs faculty pursue a wide variety of research interests. Their projects include cross-cultural collaboration on Somali immigrants in Maine, evaluation of relationships between humans and the environment, studies of Latin America and the Middle East, publications on secularism in Russia and Turkey, social integration in Vietnam, Canada's political parties and elections, global cultural diversity, and the military history of the British Empire. Our internationally recognized faculty serve as journal editors and as members of editorial boards for journals and books. They have received Fulbright grants and awards for distinguished teaching and student advising. International affairs faculty are affiliated with the University of Maine's Canadian-American Center, School for Policy and International Affairs, Margaret Chase Smith Policy Center, Maine Business School, and Climate Change Institute.

## OPPORTUNITIES TO EXCEL

International affairs majors enjoy the same opportunities for scholarships and prizes for

academic excellence that our concentrations offer their other majors. These opportunities include the political science honor society Pi Sigma Alpha, the economics honor society Omicron Delta Epsilon and the history honor society Phi Alpha Theta, as well as teaching assistantships in large courses and internships in various fields. International affairs majors also excel through their participation in the McGill Model United Nations each year.

## HOW DO I APPLY?

Visit [umaine.edu](http://umaine.edu) for an application, as well as information about academics and life at UMaine.

## FUTURE JOB PLACEMENT

- U.S. government
- International businesses
- Nongovernmental organizations
- Intergovernmental organizations
- Peace Corps

**"The international affairs program at the University of Maine was a perfect match for me. In this program, I had the opportunity to pick a concentration that caters to my own interests while taking courses across multiple disciplines. Additionally, in my experience the faculty has been supportive and encouraging; the professors are interested and invested in my academic success and actively encouraged me to participate and apply for unique internships. The international affairs program and its faculty prepares students for finding a job after graduation or moving on to graduate education."**

— Asher Yusim, IA-International Security major, Political Science minor, 2019

